

MINUTES

UTAH PSYCHOLOGY BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2007

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 2:00 P.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 2:17 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 3:22 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:**

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Natalie J. Malovich, Ph.D., Chairperson
Lori G. Buhler
Bruce Etringer, Ph.D.

Board Members Absent:

Leonard J. Haas, Ph.D.
John F. Merryweather, Ph.D.

DOPL Staff Present:

David Stanley, Division Director
Ray Walker, Division Regulation and Compliance
Officer

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 26, 2007 Board meeting were read.

Ms. Buhler made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dr. Etringer seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

APPOINTMENTS:

2:20 P.M.

Proposed Rules Review

Ms. Taxin explained that she made the revisions the Board had requested and then Ray Walker, Division Attorney, reviewed them. She stated that Mr. Walker suggested additional revisions and Dr. Etringer has found some things he would like clarified. She

recommended the Board review the revised edition page by page and make comments as needed.

Following the review and recommended revisions, Mr. Walker commented that it reads much better than it did.

Ms. Buhler made a motion for Ms. Taxin to make the recommended revisions and to proceed with filing the Rules for a hearing.

Dr. Etringer seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin explained that she will make the revisions and send the document on for the next review. She stated that when that review is completed then a hearing will be scheduled. Ms. Taxin stated that she will try to get the hearing scheduled for January 22, 2008. She stated that comment time is open for 30 days and if the public has no comments then the Rules will go into effect, which will probably be by the end of February 2008.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FYI

Ms. Taxin informed the Board that the Division has a new testing agency, PSI. She stated that she tried to get the EPPP to be administered through PSI instead of Thomson Prometric due to the difficulties applicants have experienced but Thomson Prometric still administers the EPPP. She stated that applicants no longer register through Thomson Prometric as her staff now mail out the registration packet to the applicants. Ms. Taxin stated that this process will save applicants having to pay a fee to Thomson Prometric and should make the process a little smoother.

Ms. Taxin stated that PSI will administer the Utah Laws and Rules examination after the first of the year.

Proposed Application Review

Ms. Taxin informed the Board that with the changes in the Rules there will need to be changes in the application. She stated that she prepared a revised application for the Board to review. Ms. Taxin

requested Board members to take the revised application and get back to her with any comments before the January 22, 2008 meeting in order for her to have the application prepared when the Rules go into effect. Ms. Taxin pointed out that the application mentions PSI as the new testing agency and she will have the address included before the new application is distributed.

Mr. Stanley commented that he is in the process of developing a different format for the applications. He stated that if nothing has to be filled out then the information should be taken out. Mr. Stanley stated that the new format will have the application first and the references and information behind the application.

Ms. Taxin explained that she minimized the information collected in this revised application. She stated that this application will not require a person to write out their education if they graduated from an APA accredited program.

Dr. Malovich recommended comments be submitted prior to the next meeting in order for the Board to review and discuss any additional changes at the meeting.

Ms. Taxin asked the Board to respond by January 4, 2008 to give her time to make revisions. She asked Dr. Etringer to review the application as a Psychologist with pre-doctoral hours, Dr. Malovich to review it as an applicant for a Resident license and Ms. Buhler to review it as an endorsement application.

FYI

Mr. Stanley informed the Board that DOPL will be doing some remodeling to secure the 4th floor as there are many threats made to the employees. He stated that they will notice changes as walls are moved, etc.

Mr. Stanley informed the Board that the April 15, 2008 Board meeting will have a new Bureau Manager as a key Bureau Manager is leaving the Division and he will be reconstructing some of the Boards. He stated that Ms. Taxin will be moved to another group of Boards as he needs her organizational ability in that Bureau. He stated that Ms. Taxin has requested that

Ms. McCall, the Board Secretary, be transferred with her. Mr. Stanley stated that they will be hiring a new Bureau Manager. Mr. Stanley informed the Board that Lee Avery will be their Board Secretary. He stated that Ms. Avery has been with the Division about 10 years and a Board Secretary for about 5 of those years. Mr. Stanley stated that Ms. Avery is very organized.

Ms. Buhler commented that while she has served on the Psychology Board there have been 4 Bureau Managers.

Ms. Taxin stated that at least the Board has some notice of the change and she will still be with the Division if there are any issues they need to discuss with her. She stated that she is hoping the new Bureau Manager will be hired soon. Ms. Taxin stated that she has been aware of the Boards frustrations in meeting so frequently but, hopefully, getting the Rules in place will help lower the frustrations.

Board members thanked Ms. Taxin and Ms. McCall for all they have done for the Board.

Clarification Questions

Dr. Malovich commented that when she became chairperson she was informed that she would only serve one year and then be the Board member who attends the UPA Association meetings. She stated that by the time the chairperson learns what they should be doing another person becomes the chairperson. Dr. Malovich asked if there is anything in writing requiring this process.

Ms. Taxin responded that she believes it would be advantageous for the chairperson of the Psychology Board to serve for 2 years. She stated that in the past changing each year may have worked but there is no policy requiring the chairperson be changed each year. She stated that the Board may set their own procedures regarding the chairperson and if it is not working then make a change. Ms. Taxin stated that if the Association has something important for the Board then they could send a representative to attend the meeting and inform the Board but that there is no policy that a Board member must attend the UPA meeting. Ms. Taxin

reviewed the terms of each Board member for the Board and stated that the Board would remain the same for awhile.

Dr. Malovich asked if Dr. Merryweather and Dr. Haas have both served as chairperson.

Ms. Taxin responded that they have both served as chairperson but either could serve again. She stated that for continuity reasons it might be good for Dr. Malovich to act as chairperson for another year.

2008 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board noted the following 2008 Board meeting schedule: January 22, April 15, July 15 and October 14, 2008.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

January 22, 2008

ADJOURN:

The time is 3:22 pm and the meeting is adjourned.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

January 22, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Dr. Natalie Malovich
Chairperson, Utah Psychology Licensing Board

January 8, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Noel Taxin
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing